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In re Application of: Larry A. Druga

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 19, 2004, for which a Notice of Appeal was filed on July 19, 2004, extending the period for response to September 19, 2004. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.